



“Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway”

Musical history and the stars that made it will be center stage at the Crystal Theater

This coming Wednesday, August 8, the Crystal Theater in the Renaissance Mall will be home to one of the most prestigious Broadway revues known to countless audience in the United States and around the world. Neil Berg, respected and renowned lyricist and composer brings his show “Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway” to Aruba, appearing nightly at 9:00 PM, except Sundays.

The show features a roster of performers that have thrilled audiences in Broadway theaters and on tour, and will now thrill audience in Aruba with Tony-winning songs that have made musical history. On opening night, the Crystal Theater will welcome Kimilee Bryant, one of the “best-known sopranos of the Great White Way,” and seen worldwide performing as “Christine” in “Phantom of the Opera.” Male vocalists include Erick Buckley, the first male performer to appear as both “Marius” and “Jean Valjean” in “Les Miserable” and Charles Bergell, also well known as “Jean Valjean” on Broadway and on tour. Joining them is Natalie Toro, described as one of the “great belters” of Broadway, who has had starring roles in “Evita,” “Cats,” and “A Tale of Two Cities.”

These veteran performers will make Broadway come alive in a revue that has played to sold out audiences for the past five years. Neil Berg, the composer of the score for the “The Prince and the Pauper,” producer and concert performer, began his nostalgic review as a fundraising variety show featuring the classic songs that are imprinted in the heart’s of show-music lovers everywhere. “Everyone in the States knows these songs, because they have become part of our culture,” expressed Neil “We are really excited about opening in Aruba, and bringing Broadway to the Aruban people. This is an overview of seventeen to twenty of the best songs ever, actually performed by the stars that made them famous. This is the “real deal,” and they will get to see what all the fuss is about.”

Adding additional excitement to the show, and rarely seen in Aruba before, is the live musical accompaniment to the performers, not lip-synching to recorded music. Joining Neil’s drummer Roger Cohen, who has been with the review since its conception, will be Aruban musicians of international repute, Ivan Jansen on bass and Johnny Schaarbay on keyboards.

“Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway” proved so popular as a charity event, Neil decided to produce it as a commercial revue and it has seen phenomenal success, playing to audiences in over 130 cities around the United States. Now it has come to Aruba and will run through November 3, with a monthly cast change of noted Broadway performers, which also means a changing program of songs. This is also something new and refreshing for Aruba, offering a unique and unforgettable experience for residents and visitors alike.

For more information on purchasing tickets, check with your hotel concierge, visit the Crystal Theater desk or box office located in the Renaissance Mall, or telephone #586-3000.